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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Census Bureau reports 11,848,913 bales cotton ginned up to December 13th last. —— Permanent organization of the Inland Waterways Association was perfected yesterday at Columbia, S. C. —— Everything continues quiet along the front of the hostile armies in Manchuria. —— An unknown steamer reported on Diamond Shoals off Cape Hatteras last night with a gale and high sea raging; lifesavers were unable to reach the vessel. —— Japs are preparing for another attack on the fortress at Port Arthur. —— The Southern Educational Association will convene to-day in Jacksonville, Fla. —— Farmers and merchants of Clay county, Ga., have set the pace to burn two million bales of Southern cotton. —— Prominent citizens of Wheeling, W. Va., offer to give bail for Nan Patterson in any amount up to $50,000. —— A cotton buyer at Barnesville, Ga., committed suicide; heavy losses on cotton contracts the cause. —— Fire at Birmingham, Ala., caused a loss of $75,000. —— —— N. Y. markets: Money on call was steady at 2½@3 per cent; flour held higher but trade was quiet; corn easy, No. 2 66c at elevator; oats firm; mixed 35½c 36½; rosin 2.80@2.85; spirits quiet and unchanged in price.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 28.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 51; 8 P. M., 38 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum 38 degrees; mean 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .05; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.74 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—For North Carolina: Fair Thursday and Friday; colder in eastern portion Thursday, diminishing northwest winds.

Port Almanac—December 29.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.54 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 44 M.
High Water at Southport	1.14 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington	3.44 P. M.

And now a distinguished savant has discovered that bacteria aid digestion. We give it up.

It seems to be up to the ginners to saw wood and say nothing that a Wall street gambler can figure on.

When the grand inaugural parade takes place in Washington the colored on-looker will naturally ask: "Vardaman from Mississippi?"

A New Jersey woman has been convicted in a court for being a common scold. We can't see how stripes for a woman can check her.

The Morning News says: "Fireworks, valued approximately at $65,000, were the sales for Christmas." Wonder how much for fire water?

Ah! how well we'll all remember The exit of the bleak December; But e'en the New Year hath no thrills Midst the deluge of our Christmas bills!

"Crumpacker has got it in for everything Southern," declares an exchange. Old Crump should get a divorce from Anna Mosity and steer clear of the Miss Anthropy that is the co-respondent in his trouble.

This is about the time to make New Year's resolutions. After they are adopted, however, they are always held to be null and void, owing to a defect in the enacting clause, which failed to be read three separate times in the House of its friends.

Mr. J. T. Perry, a New York, artist, says: "The picture of a woman is the safest of all." The attention of married men is called to the fact that Perry doesn't mean that it is safest when it is left in his pocket where his wife explores for works of art.

We return thanks to ourself for a box of the best Havana cheroots, fabrica de los Americana tobacos, as a Christmas present. Such deeds of kindness on the part of the generous giver will always be remembered—by the dealer who hereafter attempts to collect the bill.

One Santa Claus got his whiskers burned off by a lighted taper with which the appendage came in contact. With his blistered chin in a sling, he is wound up to give us chin music about insisting that Santa Claus should hereafter give the barbers a chance.

Next Sunday is the birthday of the horse editor of THE MORNING STAR. He has been pulling the newspaper plough through many long and weary years and is entitled to a lot of fodder. Every payment for subscription promptly made will be considered a New Year's gift.

A Wilmingtonian declares that he never wants to look another turkey in the face. Up to and including to-day his wife has made the remains of the Christmas gobler do for breakfast, dinner and supper, with the result that he feels like he's got it in the neck—that is, the turkey in his neck. That accounts for the way he struts down town.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Other local, fourth page

— Bishop Strange will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal church.

— A conference of members of Brooklyn Baptist church will be held to-night at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present for consideration of important business.

— The second of the new convertible cars for the city trolley line went into commission yesterday. The third will be ready Sunday. The new cars are "riding" into popular favor in a hurry.

— British steamer "Greatham" cleared yesterday for Liverpool with cargo of 7,561 bales of cotton, valued at $305,000 and consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Sons.

— The negro who was found perforated with bullets and badly slashed up at Hilton bridge Christmas night was still alive at the hospital last night, though little hope is held out him for his final recovery.

— A neat little calendar for the year 1905 is being sent to friends and customers by Mr. W. B. Cooper, the well known wholesale grocer, 300, 302, 308, 310 and 312 Nutt street.

— The STAR returns thanks to Col. Walker Taylor, resident agent, for a very useful office calendar calling attention to the Insurance Company of North America, founded at Philadelphia in 1792.

— The alarm of fire from box 412 at 5:32 P. M. yesterday was on account of a small blaze caused by sparks from the chimney at 1128 South Front street, owned by the Kidder Lumber Co., and occupied by W. E. Keetor; damage about $15.

— Dave Robinson, colored, was given a preliminary trial before Esquire W. McD. Evans yesterday on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon upon John Johnson, colored, and was bound over to Superior Court under bond of $35.

— Preparations for the annual New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A. next Monday evening are going on with great vigor. The public will be cordially welcome. More of the details of the reception will be given later.

— Last night at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. E. Reece, of Delgado, Justice G. W. Borneman joined in marriage Miss Minnie Bell Reece and Mr. James Tate Hardison, of Pender county. A reception followed the ceremony at which the bride and groom received many happy congratulations.

— The yacht "Best Ever," bound from the north to Florida waters, sailed yesterday after having been in port four weeks. Capt. H. E. Peters, the owner, and family are aboard. Capt. Peters having gone north on a business trip while the yacht was in port.

— David Pearce, colored, was found guilty of an assault and battery upon Mary Beatty, colored, in Justice Borneman's court yesterday. Through his counsel, Herbert McClammy, Esq., Pearce took an appeal to the higher court from a judgment for costs against him. Woodus Kellum, Esq., appeared for the prosecution.

— One of the very handsomest calendars from both an artistic and a useful standpoint, is that being sent out this season by Messrs. Willard & Giles, the well known insurance firm. The centre piece of the calendar is a handsome reproduction of Norton's famous picture "The Passing of Time."

— Many friends in this city will read with regret the following item from Lumberton: "Emma Douglas Parmalee, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parmalee, died suddenly Monday morning. The funeral was conducted Tuesday from the residence by Rev. Charles H. Durham, of the Baptist church."

— As he was about to leave for his home on the northbound A. C. L. train yesterday morning, Mr. Thomas King, of Clinton, N. C., discovered that he had lost his pocket book containing about $150. Mr. King thinks he lost the wallet between Front and Red Cross streets and the passenger station. He doesn't think his pockets were picked.

Negro Who Stole Horse.

An even half dozen cases were disposed of in the Mayor's court yesterday but none was of importance save that of Jim Sanders, the negro who was drunk Christmas day and stole Dr. J. T. Schonwald's horse and buggy from in front of a negro restaurant on Second street where the turn-out had been left for a moment by the colored driver by whom Dr. Schonwald had sent it to the stables. Sanders was represented by W. P. Gafford, Esq., who waived examination of his client and submitted to his being sent over to the higher court. He was jailed in default of $50 bond. Rose Watson, colored, an habitual offender was given 30 days for disorderly conduct.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Gas Range—For New Year.
Carolina Ins. Co.—Dividend.
J. H. Taylor—New grocery store.
A. David Co.—Happy New Year.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Dividend notice.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Rooms.
J. B. Farrar—To the ladies.
Italian Band—Music for all.
Bookkeeper—Situation wanted.

PRETTY XMAS DANCE

Annual Holiday Favor German Last Night by L'Arioso Club an Elaborate Affair.

MANY COUPLES PARTICIPATED

In Compliment to Gwaltney-Boatwright Wedding Party—Elegant Supper Served to Guests at Midnight. Event a Brilliant Success.

The most largely attended and possibly the most elaborate social function of its kind given in Wilmington this season, or for several seasons past, was the annual holiday favor german by L'Arioso Club last night in the Masonic Temple, which was in compliment to the Gwaltney-Boatwright wedding party, nearly a hundred couples, many of them visitors for the holidays, having been in attendance. The decorations in the ball room were unusually pretty, a large centre piece on the south wall being a floral execution of the names, "Gwaltney-Boatwright." The music was by Hollowbush's Orchestra and every environment contributed to make the affair a most brilliant one from every viewpoint. The favors were in keeping with the season and added to the picturesque, holiday appearance of the brilliant scene in the ball room.

Mr. Clayton Giles, the club leader, led the long train of merry dancers through many new and intricate figures, each being executed with rare grace and delightful precision, a large number of spectators in the gallery having pronounced it the prettiest dance they ever witnessed. At 12 o'clock an elegant supper was served in the banquet hall of the Temple, which was ablaze with light and beautiful in a decoration of Christmas evergreen and flowers. Among the couples present and dancing were:

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carmichael; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Belden, of Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Laura Clark, Mr. H. M. Emerson, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Williamson; Miss Nellie McMillan, Mr. W. P. Emerson; Miss Janie Williams, Mr. Henry J. McMillan; Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacRae; Miss Alice Boatwright, Mr. Swift Boatwright; Mrs. B. M. Chiswell, Mr. Will J. Bellamy; Miss Lilla Bellamy, Dr. Russell Bellamy, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Burruss Corprew, of Norfolk; Miss Seabreeze, Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr.; Miss Jones, of Warrenton, Mr. G. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holt; Miss Bessie Burruss, Mr. Hunt; Miss Leonora Cantwell, Mr. E. A. Metts; Miss Olive Armstrong, Mr. Will Crow; Miss Louise Bunting, Mr. J. H. Bunting; Miss Jeanie Peck, Mr. Geo. P. James; Miss Minnie Beebe, of Baltimore, Mr. S. C. Potts, Jr.; Miss Beulah Armstrong, Mr. R. A. Parsley; Miss Patteson, of Petersburg, Mr. M. Bellamy, Jr.; Miss Julia Parsley, Mr. Rob Calder; Miss Louise Bellamy, Mr. Milton Calder; Miss Neppie Borden, Mr. F. S. DuPre; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lippitt, Miss Edalweiss Beebe, of Baltimore; Mr. Tom Myers; Miss Mary Borden, Mr. G. L. Myers; Miss Amy Harlowe, Mr. T. D. Meares, Jr.; Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. W. Kraft; Miss Jane Meares, Mr. Eugene M. Beery; Miss Emma West, Dr. Thomas M. Green; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. G. Ransom, Jr.; Miss Elizabeth Payne, Mr. George Crow; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Peschau; Miss Mary Calder, Mr. J. W. Atkinson; Miss Mildred Davis, Mr. Will Moore; Miss Alice Borden, Mr. C. McD. Davis; Miss Symonds, Mr. Tom Henderson; Miss Lucile Murchison, Mr. Tom Willard; Miss Mary Borden, Mr. Platt Davis; Miss Mary Treat Peck, Mr. James M. Stevenson; Miss Annie Taylor, Pittsboro, Mr. E. S. Nash; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bidgood; Miss Alice Wright, Mr. H. M. London, Pittsboro; Miss Meta LeGrand, Mr. H. M. Chase; Miss Kate Mafflt, Mr. Toppin, Baltimore; Miss Shumate, Baltimore, Mr. Tom Wright; Miss Lizzie Peck, Mr. A. P. Hallett, New York; Miss Belle Anderson, Mr. John VanB. Metts; Miss Young, Washington, Mr. Richard Bradley; Miss Elovine Burruss, Mr. R. A. Williams; Miss Short, Lake Waccamaw, Mr. Will Walker; Miss Nora Angel, Mr. Alex. Adrian; Mrs. Nessie Wootten, Mr. N. C. Curtis, of the University of North Carolina; Miss Tallulah DeRosset, Mr. DeLeon Southerland; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boatwright, of Portsmouth.

Stags—Mr. Nash DeRosset, of New York; Mr. Carl Lewis, of Connecticut; Mr. Davis Fishback, of Kentucky; Mr. H. McR. Jones, of Warrenton; Mr. Graham Kenan, of Kenansville; Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr.

Patronesses—Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Mrs. J. Victor Grainger; Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Mrs. G. Herbert Smith, Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael; Mrs. George Rountree; Mrs. Clayton Giles and Mrs. D. H. Lippitt.

Application for Building Permits.

The following building permits have been granted: Two-story frame building, slate roof, for Capt. S. V. Bunting, on Grace, between Front and Second streets; Rogers & Thomas, contractors. One-story frame building, shingle roof, Castle, between Sixth and Seventh streets, for John S. Perry.

— Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boatwright, of Norfolk; Mr. Victor Boatwright and Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Boatwright, of Portsmouth, are in the city, having come this week to attend the Gwaltney-Boatwright nuptials yesterday evening.

PRETTY HOLIDAY AFFAIRS.

Wilmington Sunday Schools and What They Did to Entertain the Young People Last Night.

This is the season of the annual holiday church entertainments and four such were given last night, each of them having been well attended and full of happiness for the little people who were present and participated in the exercises.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the children of St. John's parish took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chapel of the church building. A Christmas tree and various little games and diversions delighted the little folks until 5 o'clock. Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of the Sunday school, made a neat little address, which was highly appreciated by the children.

Last night the annual Xmas tree and exercises by the children of Fifth Street M. E. Sunday school took place in the auditorium of the church. There were a number of addresses by the Sunday school teachers and the superintendent, a talk by the pastor and a very pleasing programme of recitations, music and the like by the children. The decorations were very pretty, and each and every one present had a delightful time. The entertainment lasted until about 10 o'clock.

Very pretty exercises marked the holiday season at St. Matthew's English Lutheran church last night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The church was very elaborately decorated and the handsome new chandeliers were used for the first time. Mr. W. W. Koch, superintendent of the Sunday school, had provided a pretty Xmas tree, and it was beatifully decorated by teachers and young ladies of the school. A feast of good things were distributed from its heavily laden branches. Rev. C. W. Kegley, the pastor, Mr. Koch, Mr. Wessell and other prominent men of the church made pleasing little talks and the children delightfully entertained with a number of songs, recitations, etc. Rev. Mr. Kegley received a number of presents, one of which was a handsome centre table given by the school. Others were from individuals in the congregation.

The main auditorium of Brooklyn Baptist church was the scene of an elaborate Christmas affair by the Sunday School of that congregation. The decorations were pretty and the children rendered a select programme of songs and recitations. Mrs. L. O. Smith, assisted by Miss Glen Gore and Miss May McDougall, had general charge of the affair and to them is due much for the success of the affair. Presents from a beautiful tree were announced by Mr. L. O. Smith while Mr. C. C. Rice as Santy Claus and Master George Dew, as Saint Nick, Jr., gave the little folks something to interest themselves all the while. The presents were delivered and the people shown to their seats by Messrs. Lloyd Sanders, W. H. Scarborough, Ernest Hines, Marsden Smith and A. W. Allen.

HOMICIDES IN COLUMBUS.

Two Occurred Around Whiteville During Xmas Holidays—Officer in Defence.

Two homicides occurred in Columbus county, in and near Whiteville during the Christmas holidays, both the victims having been colored.

Saturday night at a logging camp of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, a negro employed by the company shot and killed another negro who also belonged in the camp. Only one shot was fired and the killing appears to have been a deliberate murder, as it is stated that the murdered man had made no assault upon the other. The motive for the murder was not learned. Immediately after the deed had been committed, the murderer fled from the camp and had not been captured at last accounts. The logging camp where the tragedy occurred, is on the Cape Fear Lumber Company's railroad extending from Whiteville to Clarkton.

Sunday forenoon, in the town of Whiteville, a bad South Carolina negro, employed at one of the logging camps in the neighborhood, came down to Whiteville, and was generally abusive and on mischief bent. He shot a negro woman in the town and Messrs. Little and Lon Baldwin were deputized by the sheriff to go and arrest him. They went to the house of the woman after the negro, but upon the approach of the officers the negro drew a pistol and defied them. Mr. Baldwin saw the attitude of the negro and shouted a warning to Mr. Little. The last named saw the negro and dropped him before he had a chance to shoot. The negro was apparently not dangerously wounded and slipped off down to Vineland and took the train for South Carolina. Before the train reached Chadbourn, however, the negro died. Mr. Little immediately gave himself up to the sheriff, but as he acted in self-defence he will not be held to account for the shooting. He is a hard-working man and is held in high esteem in the community.

Florida Specials Scheduled.

Tuesday of next week the Florida Specials of the three great railway systems entering the South will leave New York on their initial trips to Florida for this season. The trains include the Palm Limited of the Southern Railway, the Florida Limited of the Seaboard Air Line and the Florida Special of the Atlantic Coast Line. The best of equipment is put into service on these special trains. The tourist travel will be very heavy this season if present indications do not miscarry.

— Mr. J. A. McGeachy returned last night from St. Paul's, Robeson county, where on yesterday he attended the wedding of his brother, Mr. L. A. McGeachy.

DOWN GOES COTTON.

Big Slump in Market Yesterday Has Very Depressing Effect Upon Local Interests.

MAY GO DOWN EVEN LOWER.

Wilmington Operators Take Very Gloomy View of Situation—New York Brokers, However, Send Assuring Advices to Their Clients Here.

There was a slump in the cotton market yesterday that almost took the breath away from those who had confidently expected an advance in the staple after the Christmas holidays. Futures tumbled headlong from 35 to 50 points from closing the day before and New York spot at one fell swoop, so to speak, dropped from 7.35 on Tuesday to an even seven with a tone of quiet. That the slump will have a very depressing effect upon trade generally, every one who observed the market during the day was ready to admit. Nothing has occurred in Wilmington in a single day in a long time that has so completely taken the "wind out of the sails" of local business men as did the rapid decline of the market during the day. Very few now take an optimistic view of the situation and some large operators here say that five-cent cotton in the end would come as no surprise after the late developments. Kindred expressions now come from many who heretofore held firmly to the prediction that 10 cent cotton was not at all unlikely after the holiday season.

The slump yesterday was due to the Census Bureau's report of the amount of cotton ginned up to Dec. 13th, from governmental reports received from 734 out of 820 cotton raising counties heard from. The market has been aloof awaiting this report to see if it would confirm the Agricultural Department's estimate of a total crop of 12,132,000 bales, which was so generally hooted at when first issued. As a matter of fact the ginners' report yesterday more than confirms the Agricultural report and indicates a crop of something over thirteen million.

However, in the face of the very depressing report, several large brokerage firms wired assuring messages to connections here. Messrs. E. & C. Randolph, E. Norden & Co., and Shearson Hammill & Co. advised early in the day that if the market declined on the Bureau report, they thought distant months a safe purchase.

Local cotton receipts yesterday were 2,831 bales against only 654 bales same day last season. The local market remains "nominal." Last year on the same date cotton was firm at 13.30 for middling.

FILED A DEED OF TRUST.

Chas. L. Schulken, Grocery, Assigns to Mr. H. L. Vollers—Amount Small.

A deed of trust was filed for record yesterday by which Charles L. Schulken conveys to H. L. Vollers for $1 and other considerations, all his stock in trade, books, accounts, etc., at his place of business at northeast corner of Fourth and Nixon streets, the same to be sold at either public or private sale for the benefit of creditors, first deducting the costs and expenses of such sale and five per cent. commission on receipts and disbursements arising from such sale; then to pay to and distribute pro rata among each and every creditor the net proceeds of such sale. Any residue after such settlement is to be paid to Mr. Schulken. It is understood that the liabilities and assets are about the same and do not exceed $300. Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy are the attorneys for Mr. Schulken, who claims no exemption.

Returning from Wedding Trip.

Mr. J. E. Redfern and bride, nee Miss Mabel Doxee, of Ocracoke, N. C., arrived yesterday and are guests at The Orton. They are accompanied by Mr. W. H. Redfern, of Charlotte, a popular young newspaper man of the Queen City and a brother of the groom, who was best man at the ceremony. Mr. Redfern and bride are on their way to Dothan, Columbus county, where the groom is principal of Dothan Academy, a flourishing institution of that section of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Redfern were married Saturday at the home of the bride in the presence of a large assemblage of guests, including friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

New I. O. O. F. Building.

Cameron F. MacRae, Esq., is the first of the tenants to move into the new I. O. O. F. building at northwest corner of Third and Princess streets. He now occupies room No. 12 in the northeast corner, on the first floor, and is very comfortably located. The Odd Fellows will not occupy their hall in the building until the furnishings are here. A bazaar for the purpose of buying the furnishings will be held the last of February or the first of March. The committee will meet in a day or two to get the arrangements on foot.

Differences With Policeman.

An interesting case before the Mayor to-day will be a charge of disorderly conduct against Mr. Jim Elkins, who keeps a store in "Brooklyn," and out of which some complications have arisen with Policeman J. W. English, who prefers the charge and with whom Mr. Elkins is said to have had a personal difficulty. Each side has employed counsel, Herbert McClammy, Esq., appearing for one and Marsden Bellamy, Esq., for the other.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Norwood Giles returned from Raleigh yesterday.

— Miss Margaret Bridgers is the guest of Miss Mary Broadfoot, in Fayetteville.

— Miss Gertrude Bryan left yesterday afternoon to visit friends at Scott's Hill.

— Miss Ann Bell Patteson, of Petersburg, Va., is the guest of Miss Louise Bellamy.

— Mrs. Joseph D. Smith, of High Point, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Skinner.

— Miss Covington, of Rockingham, N. C., is the guest of Miss Keith Covington, on Grace street.

— Mrs. R. K. Bryan has returned to Scott's Hill after spending the holidays in the city with relatives.

— Mr. Edward Y. Wooten will go to Atlanta next week to take a position with the Eastern Division of the Westinghouse Electric Company.

— Mr. L. V. Martin and family, of Mullins, S. C., have returned home after spending the holidays here.

— A Lumberton special says: "The condition of Mr. A. W. McLean continues to improve and his physicians now think he will recover.

— Miss Florence Simmons returned yesterday from Falson, where she spent the holidays with friends.

— Representative-elect C. Ed Taylor, of Southport, was here yesterday, returning from a hunting trip in upper Brunswick.

— Among the visitors in Wilmington is Mr. J. W. Braswell, of Rocky Mount, who is the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. W. Bulluck.

— Editor Fred R. Mintz, of the Mount Olive Tribune, was here yesterday returning from Southport where he spent Christmas at his old home.

— Dr. Clint. Bunting, of Gastonia, arrived yesterday to spend a few days with his parents and is being cordially greeted by his numerous friends here.

— After spending the holidays at home, Mr. Leslie B. B. Wiggs left yesterday to resume his studies in medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond.

— Friends of Dr. E. S. Pigford will be delighted to know that he is improving. A message from the hospital last night stated that he was resting very well indeed.

— Mr. W. A. Carney, a young Wilmingtonian, but now of Mobile, Ala., is here spending the holidays with relatives and greeting his many friends on the streets.

— Mrs. M. H. Bowler, Miss Mabel Bowler and Master Dixie Bowler left yesterday for Raleigh to spend a few days. From there they will go to Sanford, Fla., which will be their home in the future.

— Mr. E. L. McClammy, son of Mr. George J. McClammy, of this city, has returned to Salisbury after having spent the holidays with his father. He is at present with the erecting department of the Southern Railway at Spencer.

— Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton were Dr. E. C. Vitou, Southport; J. S. Manning, Durham; M. J. Grant and wife, Conway, S. C.; James Poole and wife and Arch McKinnon, North Carolina; W. S. Crane, Augusta, Ga.; C. K. Wyley, Savannah, and J. P. Kirven, Dovesville, S. C.

WHITEVILLE IS FLOURISHING.

New Graded School the Pride of the Town. Business Blocks and Residences.

Mr. Sims E. Memory, a prominent merchant of Whiteville, was in the city yesterday and in speaking of his town said it was growing right along. Besides the new bank, a number of brick business blocks have been built and many pretty residences. Business is good and the prospects of the town are brighter than at any period in its history.

The pride of Whiteville, Mr. Memory declares, is the new high school building recently erected and soon to be completed with a hard old finish on the inside. The building is 58x78 feet in dimensions, is two stories in height, and architectually is a beautiful structure. On the first floor are four large class rooms fitted with modern school desks and furniture, while on the second story are two music rooms, two dressing rooms and a handsome auditorium with a commodious stage and scenery. The auditorium seats 500 people, and already it has been used for various entertainments, including a lyceum course attraction once a month, and now and then a theatre company. Last Thursday and Friday the ladies of Whiteville gave an enjoyable bazaar and raised about $275 towards a fund of $400 to be used in furnishing the auditorium with opera chairs. The chairs are to be placed right away. The building, which cost $5,000, is midway between Whiteville and Vineland, which are one corporation—a twin town as it were. It is a credit to Whiteville and naturally the citizens are proud of it.

The graded school for which the building is used is the special object of the people of the town. Already a splendid school has been organized and is largely attended. Mrs. W. H. Speight, formerly of Fremont, N. C., a teacher of fine ability and experience, is principal, and she has most capable assistants in Miss Taylor, of Granville, county, N. C., and Miss Hodges, of South Carolina. A special tax is levied for the school, and the proceeds of all entertainments and attractions are also devoted to that purpose

Happy New Year.

This last leaf is torn from the calendar and we write down a new year, 1905, and we begin where we left off. But we begin right,

There will be no step backward.

Within the year your store has grown in volume and prestige and commands increased respect. In

Wishing You a Happy New Year

and thanking you for our growth and prosperity, we promise better things—improvements in merchandise, methods and store service.

Your store shall be something better than a place to hand out goods and take in money. May the new year be kind, and when time shall harvest 1905, may we all be here and able to say Happy New Year.

The A. David Co.,
Clothiers and Haberdashers.
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Prosperous New Year
ASSURED BY THE USE OF A
Gas Range.
USE A GAS HEATER TO GIVE NEW YEAR COMFORT

Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 28, 1904.

The Directors of Atlantic Trust and Banking Co. have declared a dividend of 3 per cent., payable January 1st, 1905, to stockholders of record, December 28th, 1904.

MILTON CALDER,
dec 29 tf Cashier.

QUIET HOME WEDDING.

Miss Octavia Hortense Boatwright the Bride of Mr. Robt. H. Gwaltney.

Charming for its simplicity and delightful for the precision and beauty with which every detail of the pleasing arrangements was carried out, the marriage of Miss Octavia Hortense Boatwright, daughter of Captain and Mrs. John Love Boatwright, of this city, and Mr. Robert Howell Gwaltney, son of Rev. and Mrs. William R. Gwaltney, of Hickory, N. C., was solemnized at 6 o'clock yesterday evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 404 Orange street. Conforming to the wishes of the family and of the bride and groom themselves, the wedding was very quiet and the ceremony was witnessed only by members of the immediate family. The parlors of the home were attractively decorated and the service was most impressively said by the Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector of Saint James' Episcopal parish, at an improvised altar of pure white, lighted by candles in handsomely burnished candelabra, the whole making a scene of rare beauty and elegance. The bride is one of Wilmington's most charming young society women and the groom is a young man of prominence and rare culture. He is at present general agent in North Carolina of the Franklin Life Insurance Company, of Springfield, Ill. The large number of handsome wedding gifts bespeak in no uncertain terms the popularity of bride and groom in a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwaltney left on the northbound A. C. L. train at 7 o'clock last evening for a bridal tour North. Later they will return and be at home at the residence of Mr. D. M. Williams, No. 513 Market street.

PRETTY WEDDING AT CRONLY.

Miss Louise C. FormyDuvall the Bride of Mr. D. D. Boylan, of Wilmington.

At the home of the bride's father, near Cronly, N. C., yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, Mr. Daniel Deems Boylan, a popular young Wilmingtonian, and Miss Louise C. FormyDuvall, the attractive young daughter of Mr. L. FormyDuvall, were married in a beautiful and most impressive service performed by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian church, this city. The home was tastefully decorated for the event and a number of friends and relatives were present to witness the happy affair. The attendants were Mr. A. M. McAllister, with Miss Dora FormyDuvall, and Mr. George S. Boylan with Miss Janie Riley. Others in attendance from Wilmington were Mr. Joe E. Boylan, Miss Emma Clowe, Mr. C. E. McCulloch, Mr. Jesse Haskett and Mr. J. C. Kendall, Mr. E. K. Walker and Mr. Hines, of Savannah, with other members of the family made a happy wedding party. An elegant wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Boylan arrived in Wilmington on the noon train and will reside at No. 419 North Fourth street.

—Miss Marie Russell, of Richmond, Va., is visiting Miss Bessie LeGwin, of this city.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Special Announcement
Thursday Night, December 29th,
JULES MURRY PRESENTS
CRESTON CLARKE
In the Delightful Comedy Romance
"MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE,"
Adapted from Booth Tarkington's widely read and charming novel. Cast of artistic excellence. Production of infinite splendor. Prices—$1.50, $1.00, 50 and 25 cents. Seats on sale Tuesday. Carriages at 11 P. M. dec 27 2t

NEW GROCERY STORE
14 MARKET STREET,
Between Front and Water.
Dill Pickles and Sweet Pickles in Bulk.
North Carolina Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Mackerel, Water Ground meal, fresh from the mill.
Fresh Prunes and evaporated Apples.
ORANGES.
J. HARGROVE TAYLOR.
Prompt Delivery.
Telephone 1052. de 29 tf

29th Semi-Annual Dividend.

The Board of Directors of the Carolina Insurance Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., payable on January 3rd, 1905.

M. S. WILLARD,
de 29 2t th su Secretary.

We Cordially Invite

You to inspect our Holiday stock. We are showing a very complete assortment of high grade Perfumery, Celluloid Brushes and Combs and other toilet articles. There is nothing more appropriate for Holiday Gifts than choice perfumery. The lady who uses elegant perfumery secures an additional charm—because it is the unusual that attracts. Anticipating the pleasure of a call from those interested,

I remain, Yours respectfully,
Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.
P. S.—See window display. dec 16 tf

WANTED,
HIDES AND FURS OF ALL KINDS.
Highest Market Prices Paid.
SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS,
nov 27 tf 18 Market St.

APPLICATION

Will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of H. Hauser, convicted at the 6th November term, 1901, of Superior Court of New Hanover county of house burning, sentenced to term of ten years.
de 28 2t we su H. W. KONIG.

NOTICE.

I have sold my two-thirds interest in the Brunswick Grocery Co. to Mr. W. O. McKeithan who assumes all liabilities of said firm and to whom all debts are payable.
A. S. KIRBY.
W. O. McKEITHAN.
Dec. 21, 1904. 6t W St.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 29.

AFTER THE ARCH FIEND.

The Federal government is getting next to the hearts of the newspapers. "Full many a shaft" will be held in the archer's bow for the reason that it is announced that the chief mogul of the "Bad Trusts" is to be proceeded against—the odious, iniquitious and remorseless Paper Trust.

The STAR's press dispatches from Washington announced yesterday that Attorney General Moody, through the United States District Attorney, Haupt, and Frank B. Kellogg and James M. Beck, special attorneys general of the United States, on Monday afternoon filed a petition in the United States District Court, in which he names the General Paper Company as principal defendant and its constituent companies as parties defendant in a suit to enjoin and restrain them from doing business through the General Paper Company as the sales-agent in violation of the provisions of sections one and two of the Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1890, entitled an "Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

The General Paper Company is known as the paper trust and its operations not only very seriously affect the interests of all newspapers and newspaper readers, but every merchant who uses wrapping paper and every person who uses a sheet of paper to write a letter and in fact everybody who has to use a scrap of paper of any kind. The so-called constituent companies are those who manufacture paper and paper stock and the General Paper Company is a multi-millionaire concern, which has either induced or compelled the manufacturers to enter a combine by which the General Company fixes the prices and makes all the sales of paper products. A more monstrous and oppressive combine never existed, and, as the Spaniard would say, its methods are practiced with the most unblushing audacity. The Paper Trust not only fixes the price of paper, but arbitrarily and oppressively fixes the weight per ream, compelling publishers and printers to pay, in many instances, for four to five pounds per ream more than they need. For example, we can state of our own knowledge and experience, and greatly to our annoyance, that the Trust will not furnish paper used by newspapers, 24 by 40 inches in size, of less weight than 39 pounds to the ream, whereas many publishers formerly and preferably used a thirty-five pound paper, which was formerly and customarily one of the standard weights of newspaper. It can thus be seen that in this one instance the combine compels publishers to use and pay for four pounds more of paper in every ream, entirely unnecessary and undesirable in his business. This item of extortion amounts to a burden where a large quantity of paper is used, and as a matter of fact it is more oppressive to the small customer who is the least unable to pay it. Another of the oppressive methods of the Trust, in order to keep up prices, is to control the production of paper to such an extent as to really create a paper famine. Publishers remember that this has been done, a special instance being a few years ago when a paper famine was created for, what every publisher knows, the basis of an excuse for forcing up prices. It was for these iniquities and ten fold others that led Congressman John B. Bellamy, of Wilmington, to introduce a bill to relieve publishers by taking the duty off wood pulp and paper stock.

The Paper Trust is one of the protected cormorants that has grown up under an excessive tariff that enables them to monopolize and hold paper users by the the throat. That the combine is what is alleged, it may be repeated that Attorney General Moody's petition recites that the General Paper Company was organized under the laws of Wisconsin, May 26th, 1900, with a capital steck of $100,000, divided into 1,000 shares, which were distributed among and are now held by certain of the defendants named, and that later the others were taken into the combination, naming them in the order in which they entered the combine and goes on to state that the General Paper Company became the exclusive selling agent for the defendants with absolute power to control the output of the various mills, fix the price of all paper sold and to whom and upon what terms and conditions the paper should be sold; and into what States and places it shall be shipped and what customers and which mills each shall supply.

The petition alleges that the defendants entered into an agreement to combine and control the sale of the product of the different companies through the General Paper Company in that the General Paper Company regulated prices, sales and shipments and territory for the sale of the same and after deducting operating expenses of the General Paper Company, divided the surplus among the members of the corporation. It is furthermore alleged that in consequence of the combination, all competition in the manufacture, sale and distribution of paper had been restricted and the price of all the other paper products greatly increased, particularly that of the news print paper, which has been increased about 50 per cent. It further states that no dealers or newspapers or other consumers in the territory west of the Mississippi, with the exception of certain newspaper publishers in St. Louis and Chicago, can purchase any paper except through the General Paper Company, and only upon terms dictated by the latter.

The court is asked to declare the alleged combination unlawful and that the defendants be perpetually enjoined from doing any act in pursuance of the same. That the General Company be enjoined from acting as sales agent for the other defendants, and that the latter be enjoined from continuing their arrangement with the General Paper company. The court is also asked to direct the defendants to come into court and answer all questions relating to the allegations of the petition as may be necessary.

THE CHANCE OF YOUR LIFE

The coroners will please take notice and stay close at home where they can answer the telephone call with promptness and agility. The exhilerating announcement is made that "Pike's Peak or Bust" is now the slogan of daring automobolists who in the near future are going to have a race at peak climbing over the snow capped tops of the Rocky Mountains.

As an inducement to get all the dare-devil racers to attend the killing, Mr. G. A. Wahlgreen, of the Denver-Overland Racing Associa. tion, announces with a glow of enthusiasm that "the actual climb will be approximately 8,000 feet to the highest point the most expert automobolists can go." "He is the moving spirit in the great test and is directing all his efforts to towards the great event," which is to take place next August. In conuection with the splendid chance to climb the peak or tumble backwards down the mountains, there will be a long-distanse race from Denver to Colorado Springs. There is to be "a choice programme and the highest grade machines in the world will be there."

All automobolists who do not desire to miss the last time of their lives will please address G. A. Wahlgreen, Denver, Col. He will give a chance to all who wish to see their finish. Lest we forget, it is declared that this race is "to be the fastest test on record."

The STAR gives this advertisement of the big event free, because the Associated Press will be sure to give us daily a correct account of the killed, wounded or missing. Will you be in it?

CURRENT COMMENT.

— Authorities in the Philippines have discovered that the Mero uprisings, which they say have been put down, refuse to stay put.—Baltimore Sun.

— They don't have any of this sophmore and freshman foolishness at the University of Virginia. The students there are not disposed to make monkeys of themselves. They have plenty of fun, but they treat each other as gentlemen.—Norfolk Landmark.

— South Carolina's great moral institution certainly has a stout enemy in The Spartanburg Journal. It refers to the shamelessness of directors "who now ride around in automobiles, own and build fine hotels, club houses and palatial residences and at their home towns exhibit to the wild-eyed bucolics $1,000 bills, all acquired on the modest stipend of $400 a year," and to the debauching of public morals through its operations. All these things outsiders have heard of, but the Journal is exposing the iniquity of the system as it was never shown up before.—Charlotte Observer.

— It was said that the high price of cotton was the cause of many cotton operatives going back to the farm, causing a shortage of labor in the mills. This undoubtedly was one reason for the lack, but since the price has fallen so low it would be interesting to know whether the movement has not turned back to the mills. We have no figures upon which to base an opinion, but doubtless many who intended to raise cotton have now abandoned the idea. Some of the mills found it absolutely necessary to employ foreign labor, and so far it has proven quite successful: The building of new mills and the enlargement of old ones will make a constant demand for labor and there is no danger in the immediate future of an over-supply either of foreign or native mill operatives.—Columbia Record.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Genuine Welsbach mantles have the Shield of Quality on the box

5 Kinds - all good - 15-20-25-30-35¢

All Dealers and the Gas Company.

TWINKLINGS.

— Milliner: Why, madam, my prices are not high. Lady: Possibly not, but, unfortunately, as I am a bit short, they are out of my reach."—Detroit Free Press.

— Dixon: How is your artist friend getting along in New York? Tomson: Oh, splendidly. Dixon: Have you heard from him? Tomson: No. That's the reason I know he's prospering.—Detroit Free Press.

— Alphonse—Did you have any difficulty getting rid of that Mexican mining stock? Gassy—Not the least. It dropped out of sight on its own accord and never came up again.—Detroit Free Press.

— Coy—There's only one kind of music that I don't like. Foy—What's that? Coy—My wife's vocal organ recitals when I come home late at night.—Detroit Free Press.

— Tall Waiter—Why did you leave the theatrical hotel? Didn't you get enough tips? Short Waiter—Tips! Why, every guest tried to borrow 10 cents from me to get a ham sandwich or a shave.—Chicago News.

— Jess—Jack is so awfully bashful. How did you manage to catch him? Tess—Oh, I just let him play with a long string of beads that was around my neck, and when he had a good hold I just pulled him in.—Detroit Free Press.

— Sim: That dentist is an old enemy of mine, but I had to go to him; it was a case of emergency. Though I think he needn't have rubbed it in so. Jim: What did he do? Sim: When I asked him if he'd pull my tooth, he said: "With pleasure."—Detroit Free Press.

— Elderly Neighbor—It pays to be good, little boy. Little Boy—No it don't; ma told me she'd give me a dime if I wouldn't make any noise yesterday, an' when I asked her for the money las' night she said all she had in change was two cents.—Detroit Free Press.

A FRIEND'S ADVICE

Will Often Help You Greatly. Read What a Wilmington Citizen Says.

You may hesitate to listen to the advice of strangers, but the testimony of friends or residents of Wilmington is worth your most careful attention. It is an easy matter to investigate such proof as this. The evidence must be conclusive. Read the following:

P. C. Le Moyne, contractor, of 223 North Seventh street, says: "I did not know that the trouble with my back was caused by my kidneys not acting properly, although I noticed the secretions from those organs were dark and very irregular, sometimes free and at other times scanty. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and went to Bellamy's drug store and got a box. I was surprised at the result, for I have not had backache since I used them. I also got a box of Doan's Ointment. I have had itching hemorrhoids or piles for years, and tried everything I knew of without benefit. Doan's Ointment gave me instant relief. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills in England some years ago, and until now I was under the impression that they were made only in England. In addition to my backache being cured the kidney secretions have all cleared up and become normal since using the Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Special Reduced Rates Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Raleigh, N. C., and return $5.75. Account Fourth Annual Exhibition North Carolina Poultry Association. Tickets will be sold January 9th to 12th inclusive, with the final limit Jan. 12th.

EXPOSURE to a sudden climatic change produces cold in the head and catarrh is apt to follow. Provided with Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh. Price 50 cents at Druggists or Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it. The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation, cleanses and cures. Cream Balm quickly cures the cold.

For Over Sixty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market steady at $2.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 55c; rosin firm at $2.10; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.25@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	13
Rosin	234
Tar	251
Crude turpentine	69

Receipts same day last year—14 casks spirits turpentine, 365 barrels rosin, 309 barrels tar, 69 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market firm at 13.20c for middling.

Receipts—2,831 bales; same day last year, 654.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, 11c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16½c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Money on call was quoted steady at 2½@3 per cent.; lowest 2½ per cent.; closing bid 2½ per cent; offered 3 per cent.; time loans were easy; sixty days 3@3¼ per cent.; ninety days 3@3¼ per cent; six months 3¼@3½ per ct. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange closed firm, with actual business in bankers' bills 487.20@487.25 for demand and at 484.80@484.35 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 485½ and 488. Commercial bills quoted at 484½. Bar silver 61¾. Mexican dollars 48¾. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104¾; U. S. 3's, registered, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 130¾; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 130¾; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 105½; do. coupon, 106½; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 100½; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 104¾; Norfolk & Western consol 4's —; Seaboard Air Line 4's 84½ bid; Southern Railway 5's, 120. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 95¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 48¾; Manhattan L 164¾; New York Central 144½; Reading 79½; do. 1st pref'd, 91; do. 2nd pref'd 84¾; Southern Railway 35½; do. pref'd 96¾; Amalgamated Copper 69¾; People's Gas 107¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 73; U. S. Leather 14¾; U. S. Leather preferred, 102¼; Western Union 92¾; U. S. Steel 30½; do. preferred 93¾; Mexican Central 21¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 41⅞; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 113; sales — shares. Standard Oil 624.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 18¼@18¾; do. preferred, 37⅞ asked; do. bonds, fours, —. Atlantic Coast Line, common, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Rosin quiet. Strained common to good $2 80@2 82½. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 28.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 28.—Spirits turpentine steady at 50c; receipts 682 casks; sales 264 casks; exports 35 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 4,426 barrels; sales 2,045 bbls; exports 500 bbls. A, B, C, $2 52½; D, $2 57½; E, $2 62½; F, $2 67½; G, $2 72½; H, $2 82½; I, $3 35; K, $4 00; M, $4 30; N, $4 60; W G, $4 85; W W, $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The sensational decline in cotton was continued to-day as a result of aggressive bear pressure immediately preceding the publication of the ginners report at midday, after which there was heavy liquidation and further pressure so that the downward tendency was continued with the market finally barely steady at the lowest point of the session and every active option on the list selling well below the seven cent mark, with the near months around 6½c. The opening was steadied by the relatively good showing of Liverpool and increased spot business reported there, with first price showing a decline of three points on January, and an advance of two to six points on later positions. But the bear leaders were hammering the market, and shortly after the opening there was a break carrying the market to a net loss of eight to nine points. Later, there was a partial rally on covering but just before the census report was received prices sagged off again, showing that the big bears were confident of their position. The report proved more bearish than had been at all generally expected. The bears took it as indicating a total crop of around 13,000,000 bales, while the lower Wall street bear leader, after the report was issued, raised his estimate of the crop to 13,500,000 bales. The report was followed by active liquidation. While some of the big shorts appeared to be covering at the decline, support was withdrawn on every little bulge and bear pressure renewed, with the market showing a final loss of thirty to thirty-eight points for the day. The closing tone was barely steady, and sentiment was very apprehensive of a bad slump in the Southern spot markets as a result of the report and the decline in futures. Sales of futures for the day were estimated at about 900,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Cotton—The market was quiet at 7.00c; net receipts 392 bales; gross receipts — bales; stock — bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 35 points lower; middling uplands 7.00c; middling gulf 7.25c; sales — bales.

Futures closed barely steady: December 6.80, January 6.85, February 6.97, March 7.03, April 7.16, May 7.21, June 7.28 bid, July 7.30, August 7.32, September —, October 7.07.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 43,737 bales; exports to Great Britain 11,740 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 7,090 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 1,068,500 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 168,783 bales; exports to Great Britain 25,982 bales; exports to France 25,290 bales; exports to Continent 50,390 bales; exports to Japan 2,988 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,300,977 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,059,795 bales; exports to France 475,563 bales; exports to the Continent 1,585,982 bales; exports to Japan 52,998 bales; exports to Mexico 13,393 bales.

Dec. 28.—Galveston, steady at —, net receipts 7,528 bales; Norfolk, nominal; net receipts 2,198 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7¾, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7.00c, net receipts 310 bales; Wilmington, nominal, net receipts 2,831 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7.35c, net receipts 619 bales; Savannah, nominal at —c, net receipts 16,384 bales; New Orleans, easy at 6⅞c, net receipts 15,164 bales; Mobile, nominal, net receipts 589 bales; Memphis, quiet at 6¾c, net receipts 2,436 bales; Augusta, steady at 7c, net receipts 2,755 bales; Charleston, nominal, net receipts 328 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Flour was held higher but trade was quiet; Minnesota patents $5 85@6.20. Rye flour quiet. Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red $1 20¾. Options broke 1c a bushel to-day. Near the close prices rallied on covering, but still left off ½@¾c net lower; May closed $1 14¾; July closed —; December closed $1 20¾. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 56c at elevator. Options market was quiet, closing partly ¾c net lower. May closed 51⅝; December closed 56¾c. Oats—Spot firm; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 35½@36½c. Cheese firm; State, small, colored and white, 10@12c. Eggs firm; nearby, selected 35@36c; Western selected 26c; Southern 15@26c. Potatoes—Market steady; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 75@2 00; State and Western $1 25@1 50; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 50. Butter firm; creamery, common to extra 17@27½c; State dairy 16@26c. Cabbages steady; flat Dutch, per 100, $2@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 15@20c. Peanuts steady; fancy handpicked 5¼@5½; other domestic grades 3¾@5¼c. Molasses steady. Tallow quiet. Sugar—raw steady; refined firm; confectioner's A $5 60; mould A $6 10; cut loaf $6 45; crushed $6 45; powdered $5 85; granulated $5 75; cubes $6 00. Pork quiet. Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra, 2¾@5¼c; Japan nominal. Lard quiet; Western steam $7 20; refined dull; continent $7 35; compound 5¼@5½c. Pork quiet. Cotton seed oil was dull, closing: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 17c; prime summer yellow 33½@24c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 27@27½c; prime winter yellow 27@27½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Prospects of an enormous Argentine crop outweighed apparently all other considerations in the wheat pit here to-day. The result was a weak market, May wheat closing ½@¾c. down. Corn is off ½@¾c. Oats and provisions are about unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Cash prices: Flour—The market to-day was quoted steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 08@1 15; No. 3 spring 98c@$1 12; No. 2 red $1 15½@1 17¾. Corn—No. 3 45¾c; No. 2 yellow 45¾c. Oats—No. 2 29½c; No. 3 white, —; No. 3 do. 30¼@31¾. Rye—No. 2 73½c. Mess pork, per bbl., $11 30@11 40. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 75. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12½@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no market report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 62½@6 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 34.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December $1 13, 1 13¾, 1 12¾, 1 12¾; May $1 14@1 14¾, 1 14¾, 1 13¾, 1 14; July 99¾@99¾, 99¾, 98¾, 98¾@99c. Corn—December 46¼, 46¼, 45¾, 45¾c; May 45½@45½, 45¾, 45¼, 45¾; July 45¾, 45¾, 45¾@45¾, 45¾c. Oats—December 29¾, 29¾, 29¾, 29½c; May 31¼@31½, 31¾, 31¾, 31¼; July 31¼, 31¼@31½, 31¾@31¾, 31¼@31½c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $13 50, 13 57½, 13 50, 13 55; May $13 92½, 13 92½, 13 80, 13 87½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 85, 6 87½, 6 82½, 6 85; May $7 12½, 7 12½, 7 07½, 7 12½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 47½, 6 45, 6 47½, 6 45; May $6 73½, 6 73½, 6 67½, 6 70.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady. The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 5@10 points, but lost the advance and closed net unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales 130,750 bags.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—Cotton: Spot, in increased demand; prices 14 points lower; American middling fair 4.26d; good middling 4.02d; middling 3.92d; low middling 3.80d; good ordinary 3.66d; ordinary 3.50d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 2,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,600 bales American. Receipts 50,000 bales, including 41,400 bales American.

Futures opened easy and closed weak; American middling (g o c): December 3.71d; December and January 3.71d; January and February 3.73d; February and March 3.75d; March and April 3.89d; April and May 3.88d; May and June 3.88d; June and July 3.91d; July and August 3.94d; August and September 3.94d; September and October 3.94d; October and November 3.94d.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

CLEARED.

Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

Clyde steamer Carib, Chichester, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

British steamer Greatham, Gowing, Liverpool, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

LIVERPOOL—Br steamer Greatham, 7,561 bales cotton, 3,755,888 pounds, valued at $305,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 29.

STEAMERS.

Hanseat, (Nor) 2,177 tons, Hamre, Heide & Co.

Juanita North, (Br) 2,233 tons, Fox, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Young Brothers, 852 tons, Gabrielsen, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, 112 tons, Saunders, to master.

Anne Lord, 246 tons, Russell, C D Maffitt.

Eliza J Pendleton, 672 tons, Dodge, C D Maffitt.

BARQUES.

Fram, (Nor) 699 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.

Musselcrag, (Br) 1,871 tons, Robinson, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—24 bales cotton, 14 barrels tar, 31 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—207 bales cotton, 4 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—2,368 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 6 barrels rosin, 37 barrels tar, 29 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—229 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer Tar Heel—3 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 238 barrels rosin, 206 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—2,831 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 234 barrels rosin, 251 barrels tar, 69 barrels crude turpentine.

Mules

For Sale!

2 Medium Size Mules.

1 Medium Size Horse.

Cash or Time, as Agreed.

W. B. COOPER,

dec 24 tf Wilmington, N. C.

HOME GROWN HAY,

Compressed bales. Raised in Pender county. Three car loads for sale.

Best Lime, Anchor Brand

We are offering low, being overstocked.

Small Cream Cheese.

Coffee, Flour, Salt, Molasses, Salmon, Sardines.

FINE TOMATOES.

Only best quality of goods handled. Living prices.

THE WORTH CO.,

Wilmington, N. C.

dec 21tf

The Siwasa

OPEN EVENINGS.

Turkeys, Cranberries, Celery,

Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Dates, Candy, Oranges.

Ready for your Xmas orders.

S. W. SANDERS.

dec 23 tf

ORANGES! ORANGES!

I have just received a cargo of fine sweet

West India Oranges,

which I am offering at extremely low prices. Good Baldwin Apples $1.93 per barrel. "Call early and avoid the rush."

A. S. WINSTEAD,

de 22 tf 213 Market street.

Hamme' the Hatter and Clothier,

Comes to the front Xmas Week with a full Stock of Hats and Clothing. A beautiful assortment of Neck Ties and Silk Handker chiefs, Boys and Childrens' Suits. Perfect fit Guaranteed. Latest styles and lowest prices.

dec 18 tf 24 North Front St.

Your Orders for

CHRISTMAS GOODS

will be given our prompt attention

Let us have them.

HALL & PEARSALL,

INCORPORATED.

nov 26 tf

Bananas, Bananas.

Our second car load of fresh, fat Jamaicas will arrive to-day. Dealers 'phone in your orders at once and avoid delay. We will have prices to suit the trade This car consists of large bunches and extra large fruit.

ERNEST F. HINES COMPANY.

(Strictly Wholesale Dealers.)

109, 111 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

Note—Mr. Keener Westbrook is with us and will look after the city trade. de 23tf

TAILORING.

Don't fail to see Leger Meyer before buying clothes to order. The cheapest and best for the money. Largest line of pants goods in the city to select from.

403 North Front street.

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ATLANTIC CAFE

XMAS PRICES

For this week only we quote as specials:

Superior California Port or Sherry Wine, per gallon $1.25; Yellow & Tait's Imported Port per gallon $2 25; Loretto & Co.'s Spanish Sherry per gallon $2.25; Our Country Club Rye per gallon $2.45; Old Nectar Rye, Kentucky Sour Mash, per gallon $2 25; Original Paul Jones Rye, 4 Star, per bottle 25c; Walter's Baker's Rye per quart $1.25.

Monticello Virginia Claret, California Rhine Wine, Port or Sherry, } Three Bottles for $1.00.

We have about 30 000 Cigars of popular brands, which we will sell at close prices.

GIESCHEN BROS., Prop.,

'Phone 111. Opposite A. C. L. Depot

dec 29 1w

Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons

Cabbage, Potatoes, Onions, Dried Apples, Beans. Our Specialties.

J. S. FUNCHESS & CO.,

Wholesale Fruit and Produce,

dec 25 tf 108 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

How Many Times Have

you asked has the

FRUIT VESSEL ARRIVED?

Yes, and a portion of the Oranges are at the Ladies' Store. Price just right.

3 lb. London L. Raisins 25c.

Seeded Raisins 10c package.

Currants 9c package.

Big Cocoanuts.

Fresh Tomatoes

Carpenter Grocery.

dec 24 tf

Announcement!

We are now Agents for the Famous Atkins Saw and can furnish you from the smallest Rip and Cut Off to the largest

Circular and Band Saws

from our stock at a moment's notice. With this and our other reliable lines, we are prepared to serve you.

T. D. LOVE COMPANY,

Machinery, Mill, Steamfitters, Yacht and Plumber's Supplies.

204, 206 North Water St.,

de 28 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Shepard's Lung Food!

THE GREAT THROAT AND LUNG TONIC.

Write for sample bottles. For sale by J. C. SHEPARD, Wilmington, N. C.

dec 28 tf

VACCINATE!

County, city and town Boards of Health have recommended and in some instances ordered vaccination as the ONLY safeguard against Smallpox, so prevalent in the Carolinas this early in Winter. We have just received by last night's Express

Glycerinized Lymph,
Glycerinized Glass Points,
Glycerinized Ivory Points,
Vaccination Shields.

(Adults and Children.)

Out of town orders filled by return mail prices to the trade.

ADOLPH G. AHRENS,

Phone 644, 107 Princess street, dec 20 tf

QUAIL

ON

TOAST.

THE ONLY RESTAURANT,

de 8 tf 108 Market street

A Delightful Pleasure.

Nothing pleases a man more than a good clean shave. We give the cleanest shave obtainable, not only in point of keen razors, but as to real cleanliness. We use a clean towel for each man and everything else is thoroughly antiseptic.

GUION & DAVIS,
Climax Barber Shop,
7 South Front street.

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Christmas Suggestions

Over-Gaters,
Lambs Wool Soles,
Crochet Slippers,
Hunting Leggins,
Riding Leggins,
Little Boys Leggins,
Rubbers,
Babie's First Shoes,
Men's House Slippers,
Shoe Trees,
Silk Hosiery.

Solomon's Shoe Store.

9 and 11 So. Front St.

dec 18 tf

ARE YOU

Keeping in Stock

Cuban Blossom

AND RENOWN CIGARS?

They are as good as ever.

Silver Coin Flour

Can't be beat.

H. L. Vollers,

Wholesale Grocer and Distributor

dec 18 tf

Suggestions for Xmas.

A Dinner Set
A Toilet Set.
A Chocolate Set.
A Fish Set.
A Lamp.
An Umbrella Stand.
A Jardineer.
A Fancy Vase.
A Piece of Cut Glass.

Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Ladles, etc., and many other goods on display.

F. A. BISSINGER,

de 4 tf 119 Market street.

REMEMBER!

In addition to manufacturing Stills for Turpentine and Spiritine Plants, we do all kinds of repair work and Brazing in Copper. Also we do Plating in

Nickle, Brass, Silver

AND GOLD.

Repairing work of every kind in Metal solicited.

We buy all of your discarded Silver Plated ware. Also old Brass Candlesticks, Brass Andirons and all kinds of old metal.

Carolina Copper Works.

dec 15 tf

HALL'S

EMULSION

HAS NOT SAVED

10,000 Lives

But it has cured many Coughs and Colds. It is Guaranteed to do good.

50c Per Bottle.

'Phone Us—Comp. Bicycle Delivery.

JAS. M. HALL & BRO.,

5th and Castle. 'Phone No. 192.

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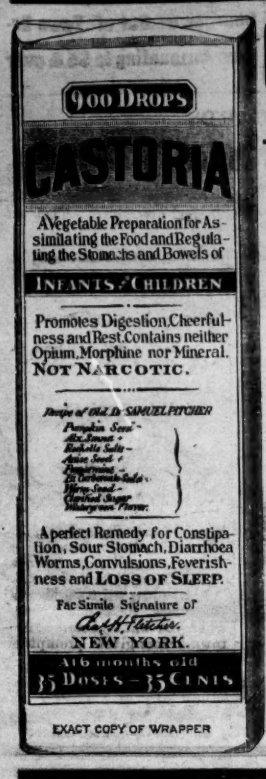
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CASTORIA
A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of
INFANTS & CHILDREN
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral.
NOT NARCOTIC.
Recipe of Old Dr SAMUEL PITCHER
A perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.
Fac Simile Signature of
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At 6 months old
35 DOSES - 35 CENTS
EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

In Use For Over Thirty Years

CASTORIA

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

We Have An Excellent No. 2 Chestnut ANTHRACITE COAL

Suitable for small coal burners and self-feeding Stoves, that we are selling at $5.50 per ton.

No. 1 Chestnut, Anthracite - -	**$6.50 per ton**
Jellico Coal, best - - - - - - - -	**5.50 " "**
Virginia Bituminous Lump - - -	**5.00 " "**

We respectfully solicit your orders.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

nov 4 tf

Sporting Goods.

We now have a full stock of Breech-loading Guns of several stand ard manufactures. Loaded Shells of all kinds, Gun Cases, Leggings, Shooting Coats, Hats; in fact a full assortment of season goods in the above line. We can make attractive prices.

We are Agents for Hazard Powder and Tashan's Shot.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.,

u 27 tf Purcell Building.

NEW HATS

Four hundred and fifty new ready to wear Hats just arrived. Also a big lot Cloaks, Waists, Skirts and Petticoats. Our line is now complete and everything is up to date in style and prices. Our stock is much larger than before, and am sure we can make it to your advantage if you call on us before buying.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

oc 14 tf 129 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,

of Wilmington, N. C.

anized March, 1899.

Capital and Surplus	$ 450,000
Deposits	1,880,000
Total Assets	2,570,000

Our large capital and assets enable us to offer customers exceptional curity and facilities.

$500,000 to lend on approved paper.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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ROGER MOORE'S SONS & CO.,

103, 104 and 105 North Water street.

"Brick Manufacturers"

and dealers in

"Building Material."

We have some "Tintkote" Roofing Paper that we will sell cheap.

dec 7 tf

Useful and Practical!

In selecting gifts for your family be practical. After Xmas we still need shoes A handsome shoe for your wife or daughter, good warm shoes for your children, slippers or shoes for your husband or son will give just as much pleasure to the recipient as some "fancy thing" and be a joy or comfort after the day is past. Try it and your wisdom will be commended. You can find every thing nice at our store.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS,

108 North Front Street.

OPEN AT NIGHT THIS WEEK.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— On Monday night Mr. Lindsay Lucas, of Shelby, who was a flagman on the vestibule, on the Southern Railway, was killed between Atlanta and Greenville.

— Near Old Fort, McDowell county, while engaging in a holiday hunt with a party of several, Carliss Bird, aged 18, was shot and killd by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of his uncle, C. L. Bird.

— Mr. Robert Hardison, son of Mr. T. V. Hardison, of Monroe, was very badly hurt Tuesday evening by the explosion of a cannon cracker in his hand. His hand was torn very badly and it is feared that he will probably lose one of his eyes. He is at home spending the holidays, having attended Horner's Military School.

— Raleigh correspondent of Charlotte Observer: The toy pistol which caused two deaths here after the Christmas holidays was not permitted to be sold or handled this year, but a few boys had some left over pistols and one of the youngsters shot himself in the hand, the wound being a serious one.

— Governor Aycock will return to Raleigh on the night of January 1st, and on the next day will have his message to the Legislature ready. His long trip South, with speeches in Louisiana and Florida, is a flying one. His last speech will be at the laying of the corner-stone of the agricultural building at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, January 10th.

— Raleigh correspondence Charlotte Observer: The convicts in the penitentiary had quite a jolly Christmas, an extra good dinner both on Sunday and Monday. Monday afternoon Mr. John C. Pullen, who is so greatly beloved by convicts in this and other States, for whom he has so long published a monthly paper, made a personal distribution of candy to all those in the penitentiary, including those in the hospital, who are always quite numerous.

— The Concord National Bank, under an arrangement which has just been perfected, will loan money to the farmers on cotton. The farmer will be furnished store room in a Concord warehouse and charged the low rate of insurance the warehouse is entitled to and the bank will advance the owner of the cotcotton 5 cents a pound. He is not charged storage at all and can sell his cotton when and to whom he chooses. The plan offers the farmers of the county a safe plan for the holding of his cotton, at a very small cost and gives him a cash advancement where he needs the money at once, giving him the option of handling his staple to the very best adaantage.

— Asheville Citizen: The officers of Buncombe county have another case against Hugh Ivey in addition to the charge of burglary, under which last week he was given a preliminary hearing and remanded to jail without bond to await trial at the next criminal term of Superior Court. The second indictment against Ivey is for forgery. It is alleged that the day following his entrance to the sleeping apartments of C. F. McHarge, where $102 and a watch was stolen, he went to the freight department of the Southern Railway Company here and signed ,or the pay check of Mr. McHarge's brother. Taking the check to the Battery Park Bank he forged the name of Mr. McHarge in endorsement and secured the money. The check was for an amount more than $50 and the forgery of Mr. McHarge's name was said to have been a neat bit of work.

— Charlotte Observer: Bernard Harris, a negro boy, not quite 14 years of age, was arrested last night at home on a charge of shooting Jim Pharr, another negro boy, 12 years old. The shooting took place Monday afternoon in the yard of the parents of Harris, and the other boy, who received the bullet from a 22 calibre rifle in his right side, is lying in a critical condition at the home of his parents in the Biddle section. The young prisoner in his cell at the station last night told an Observer man that he and another boy were shooting the rifle when Jim Pharr and another boy came through the yard. Some words were passed, none of them quarrelsome, the young prisoner said, and then Jim passed on. The shooter continued: "He went clean on 'round de house, an' if I hit him, de bullet must've curved around de corner er de house. Anyway, it sho' wuz an accident."

— Washington correspondence of the Charlotte Observer: There is cumulative evidence that the President has some surprises in store for the old line politicians, especially in the states that do Republicans little good in the electoral college. W. Hall Harris has been appointed postmaster at Baltimore and in making this selection the Chief Executive went right over the heads of Senator McComas, Congressman Mudd and the rest of the organization. Mudd and McComas are mad. The Virginia organization was frankly disregarded in the appointment of J. E. B. Stuart, a son of the late General Stuart, as marshal. It would seem that little attention is being shown the organization of any Southern States, save that of North Crrolina and Tennessee. In the last named State the executive committee is consulted by reason of the Brownlow influence. In making appointments President Roosevelt listens to what all hands have to say and then consults his own judgment.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by B. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

— Charlotte News: The statement is constantly made that the salaries of the sheriff, clerk, and register of deeds in Wake, Mecklenburg and other large counties, are greater than that of the Governor of North Carolina. We have not investigated this question thoroughly, but certainly the matter of salaries for the different public offices is all out of proportion in this State. It seems almost absurd for the judge who presides over a court to receive a smaller income than the clerk who registers his decrees, or than the sheriff who keeps order and executes his official mandates. It is argued that judges are willing to go on the bench for the sake of the honor; this is true, and this fact alone has kept the Superior Court bench up to its present standard. But our contention is that if conditions continue as they are, even the honor of being judge will not induce men to give up a lucrative practice, and that men without means cannot afford to be judges. By all means let us keep our judiciary able and upright.

UNHAPPINESS DISPELLED.

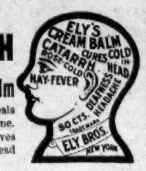
Men and Women Unanimous About It.

Many women weep and wail and refuse to be comforted because their once magnificent tresses have become dull and faded. Many men incline to profanity because the flies bite through the thin thatch on their craniums. It will be good news to the miserable of both sexes to learn that Newbro's Herpicide has been placed upon the market. This is the new scalp germicide and antiseptic that acts by destroying the germ or microbe that is the underlying cause of all hair destruction. Herpicide is a new preparation, made after a new formula on an entirely new principle. Anyone who has tried it will testify as to its worth. Try it yourself and be convinced. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Agent.

Nasal CATARRH

In all its stages.



Ely's Cream Balm

cleanses, soothes and heals the diseased membrane. It cures catarrh and drives away a cold in the head quickly.

Cream Balm is placed into the nostrils, spreads over the membrane and is absorbed. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying—does not produce sneezing. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents.

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York

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WISHING

— Everybody —

A Very Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

We sincerely Thank our many friends and patrons for THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY TRADE we ever had and beg to solicit your valued Footwear trade for 1905.

SOLE AGENTS —FOR—

Cordially Yours

SHOES.

Mercer & Evans Co.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 916,988 68
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	400 45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	104,800 00
Bonds, securities, etc	29,250 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	20,000 00
Other real estate owned	10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	135,325 07
Due from State Banks and Bankers	139,089 08
Due from approved reserve agents	71,637 95
Notes of other National Banks	9,460 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	634 69
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie $35,366 00	
Legal tender notes 39,694 00	75,060 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	9,941 50
Total	$1,649,192 02

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	78,866 70
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other National Banks	186,498 91
Due to State Banks and Bankers	139,250 86
Dividends unpaid	329 00
Individual deposits subject to check	764,406 49
Certified checks	500 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	12,350 04
United States Deposits	104,800 00
Total	$1,649,192 02

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of November, 1904.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
D. McEACHERN,
JNO. S. ARMSTRONG,
Directors.

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Christmas Presents.

All the latest Novels, Illustrated Books, Pictures, Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, Brac a Brac of every description, Fancy Box Paper, Calendars, Xmas Cards, and a beautiful line of leather goods.

ROBT. C. DeROSSET,

Bookseller and Stationer.

dec 10 tf 32 North Front St.

Did You Ever Drop In The Delmonico Cafe?

Opposite Postoffice. The coolest dining room in the city of Wilmington, N. C. Prompt service, cleanliness and attendance.

Steaks, Chops, Quail, Oysters.

Tables Reserved for the Ladies.

Our daily Menu is unsurpassed. Regular Dinners served from 12 to 2. 'Phone 207.

dec 11 tf

MEN AND WOMEN.

Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.

Sold by Druggists,

or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles $2.75. Circular sent on request.

REWARD OF $1,000.00 OFFERED

TO ANY ONE PROVING THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IS NOT BASED ON ACTUAL FACTS.

MORE REYNOLDS' SUN CURED WAS SOLD IN THE PAST YEAR, 1903, THE THIRD YEAR IT WAS OFFERED TO CHEWERS THAN THE AMOUNT USED IN THE UNITED STATES OF ANY BRAND OF TOBACCO CLAIMED TO BE SUN CURED.

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OUR THANKS

To our many patrons for their favors during the past season are respectfully tendered.

Our business has been larger than our force could possibly handle, and we beg that any shortcoming in service be pardoned.

With a greater stock, increased and improved facilities, you are assured of prompt, correct attention to your orders.

Wedding Presents in a complete assortment.

GEORGE HONNET,

Jeweler and Silversmith.

dec 28 tf 12 North Front street.

Geo. W. Huggins,

JEWELER,

Market Street.

Gold Filled and Silver Watches, Diamonds, loose and mounted; Gold Signet Rings and Pins, Umbrellas, Silver and Gold, Sterling Silver Deposit Ware.

18 YEARS

WATCH INSPECTOR

Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co.

Phone 455.

dec 11 tf

ANY MAN

whose debts are paid and who has $10.00 in the Bank is a CAPITALIST. Put aside something each week or each month—SOMETHING—if only a dollar.

Deposits made with us on or before January 1st bear interest from that date at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

No better place in the world to keep your money safe than in

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

108 Princess Street.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier. de 23 tf

To Our Customers

We take this occasion to thank each and every one of our customers for their most liberal patronage during the year 1904. A continuance of same during the year 1905 will be much appreciated.

Wishing you all a merry Xmas and most prosperous 1905.

We are

D. L. GORE CO.,

Wholesale Grocers and Importers,

dec 25 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Books

Fancy Goods, Novelties and Toys.

Pictures, Calendars, Cards.

Beautiful line Holiday Goods to be sold this week at

C. W. Yates & Co.,

tf Market Street.

THE LIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR

at the end of one of VANN'S special 5c. hand-made Havana filled cigars is a guarantee of a long, sweet, happy smoke, and if you resolve to smoke these only hereafter, 1905 will be the red letter year of your life.

dec 27 tf

WANTED--YOU--

To improve your opportunity and increase your salary by taking a DAY or NIGHT course in Shorthand, Bookkeeping or Telegraphy at the

WILMINGTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

dec 27 tf

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

Cocoanuts,
Raisins,
Mixed Nuts,
Florida Oranges (to arrive.)
Prunes,
Dried Apples,

and a full line of CANDY.

Write us for quotations before buying elsewhere.

S. P. McNAIR,

de 6 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Before Selecting

Your Xmas Gifts please call and see our

Brass Andirons,
Brass Shovel and Tong Sets,
Carving Sets,
Pocket Knives,
Razors,
Leggings,
Hunting Boots, Vests.

We have a large assortment, all of which make very acceptable gifts.

J. W Murchison & Co.,

Orton Building,

Special Agents L. & R. Powder, Peninsular Shovels and Howe Scales. dec 11 tf

A CARD.

To Our Friends and Patrons:

Another year has passed away, and we hope you have made the best of it. We wish to thank you for business given us and we trust to be permitted to again serve your interests in the future as we have faithfully tried to do in the past.

Yours,

F. E. HASHAGEN CO.,

Wholesale Grocers.

dec 25 tf

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO HAVANA CUBA

Do not miss this opportunity to visit this beautiful and attractive island, as it will afford not only opportunity for you to make a delightful trip but to the manufacturers of the South, will offer the additional opportunity to investigate the possibilities of Cuba with the view of developing their business in that country.

A personally conducted, special excursion to Havana, Cuba, January 4th, 1905, from Washington, D. C., Richmond and Norfolk, Va., and intermediate points in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, will connect with the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company's steamer leaving Port Tampa, Fla., on the night of January 5th, 1905.

The party will be limited to 150 persons, therefore reservations should be made promptly, in order to secure proper accommodations on the steamship "Olivette," the most commodious ship of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana.

Tickets will be limited for return passage on any steamer leaving Havana until January 19, 1905, with privilege of stop overs at any point in the State of Florida, south of Jacksonville, within the final limit of ticket, which will be January 21st, 1905.

The rate, $44.70 from Wilmington, N. C., for the round trip, includes meals and staterooms on the steamship.

Mr. A. W. Fritot will meet the party in Jacksonville and accompany them to Havana. Mr. Fritot speaks Spanish fluently and will place himself at the disposal of the party, furnishing any information desired.

Trains for which tickets for this excursion will be sold will leave Wilmington, N. C., 3:30 P. M., Jan. 4th, 1905.

Make up your party and go and should you desire any other information, books, pamphlets, etc., on Cuba, or "What to say in Spanish and how to say it," address

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State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover.

H. L. Vollers who sues in behalf of himself and all other creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company,

vs.

Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 3, 1905, or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company.

D. McEACHERN, Receiver.

December 1, 1904.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Dec. 1, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 08 p m	9 32 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 38 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 35 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 45
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 05 p m
Ar Wilson	11 35 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	1 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	9 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 35 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		8 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 30 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	* Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 05 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	5 58 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 8 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 20 p m	Ar 4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

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Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 66	No. 81
Leave Wilmington	4 35 a m	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	8 50 a m	10 10 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 00 p m
" Raleigh	11 46 a m	1 30 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 12 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	5 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	7 55 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOND.

		No. 41
Leave Wilmington		3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 15 p m
" Athens		6 18 a m
Arrive Atlanta		8 40 a m

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m
" Athens	11 23 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND

	No. 43
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Columbia	12 20 a m
" Savannah	4 40 a m
" Jacksonville	9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa	5 45 p m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 66
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	5 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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In Effect December 10, 1904.

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10.00 A. M.		12.30 P. M.
3.00 P. M.		5.00 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.30 P. M.	
*10.00 P. M. (Sat'day)	10.30 P. M. (Sat'day only	

*Will go to Beach on request.
†Daily except Sunday.

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(Daily except Sunday)

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 29.

CENSUS BUREAU'S REPORT.

Showing the Quantity of Cotton Ginned Up to December 13th Last 11,848,113 Commercial Bales.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Census Bureau to-day issued a report giving the quantity of cotton ginned in 737 counties up to December 13th last, as 11,986,614 running bales, which is the equivalent of 11,848,113 commercial bales. The commercial bales reported to the same period for 1903 amounted to 8,747,669. In arriving at the number of commercial bales, round bales are counted as half bales.

The report to the same date last year covered 817 counties as against 737 this year. The product of the different States for this year, in running bales, reported to December 13th is as follows:

Alabama, 1,296,915; Arkansas, 769,176; Florida, 75,283; Georgia, 1,795,797; Indian Territory, 433,755; Kentucky, 1,253; Louisiana, 870,518; Mississippi, 1,408,458; Missouri, 36,444; North Carolina, 657,195; Oklahoma, 394,041; South Carolina, 1,083,756; Tennessee, 271,235; Texas 2,982,819; Virginia, 14,960.

CONDITION OF RUSSIA'S NAVY.

Sharply Criticised by a St. Petersburg Newspaper—Torpedo Boats Said to be in Shocking Condition.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—In an outspoken article in reply to a recent letter to Admiral Birileff, which appealed to the Russians not to openly criticise the condition of the navy, the Russ, to day declares the time is passed for silence in view of the fact that the "old system of concealing facts is responsible for the loss of 150,000,000 roubles worth of warships and has covered us with shame and grief. It would be absurd to hide the defects that can still be repaired in the ships which remain at Cronstadt and Libau. We have already criminally wasted enough time."

The Russ enumerates the defects in the ships still in Russian waters, averring that the peculiarities of structure of several of the vessels destined for the Far East make the voyage very dangerous, and the torpedo boats are in such a shocking condition that this is a matter of surprise that the authorities accepted their delivery. Torpedo boats intended to reinforce vice Admiral Rojestvensky must clearly not be dispatched with the numerous defects which have been proved to exist in them."

HANGING IN GEORGIA.

Two Negro Men Executed at Thomson, for Murder.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 27.—A special to the Chronicle from Thomson, Ga., says:

John Butler and Guy Reed, the two negro men who were convicted of the murder of R. G. Storey, here twenty-one days ago, were hanged in the jail yard here to-day. They both took the matter coolly, showing but little fear or nervousness. Just before the black cap was slipped over the head of Butler, with a grin on his face, he said to the sheriff: "Boss, I'm ready to skin the cat." The two negroes killed R. G. Storey, a prominent farmer, because he would not let them off from work one afternoon. The body was found in a canebrake. A lynching was averted by the quick work of Judge Henry Hammond, of the Superior Court, in convening court and giving them a trial. The crime was committed, the criminals tried and hanged within twenty-seven days, being the record for prompt administration of justice in this State.

MURDER AT PENSACOLA.

Well Known Citizen Assassinated—Alleged Murderer Arrested.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PENSACOLA, FLA., Dec. 27.—Travi Johnson, a well known citizen, was murdered to-day in rooms at the Arlington Club, his head being nearly severed from the body by either a knife or a hatchet. John Griffith, marine engineer, was arrested almost immediately after the assassination and charged with the crime. The victim was at breakfast when he received a telephone message to return to the club room as some one wanted to see him. He was accompanied into the rooms by Griffith who was seen a few minutes thereafter leaving the place by a rear entrance. Feeling against the prisoner is intense and a quick trial is demanded. The motive for the crime was probably robbery, as nearly $300 was taken from the murdered man.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

Travelling Salesman for New York House in Hospital at Atlanta.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 27.—Max Silverman, travelling salesman for a New York house, is in the Grady Hospital here, in a serious condition with the paper wadding from a blank pistol cartridge in his right lung as a result of having been accidently shot by Sol. Groodzinsky. The accident is one of the most peculiar the hospital authorities have had to deal with for some time. The pistol was fired at close range and so great was the force of the shot that the wadding from the shell went entirely through Silverman's thick clothing, tore through the body and penetrated the right lung. Physicians are not yet able to tell whether the wound will prove fatal.

Is it a nice tie, suspenders, hat hose, collars, cuffs or anything else in the gents' furnishing line for Christmas? Our friends tell us they never saw a prettier line of such goods as are now open at our store. Come early to get best selections. This is the place: "At the Sign of the Golden Arm," I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess.

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HOSTILE ARMIES CONTINUE QUIET.

Little Expectation of a Decisive Movement by Either Japs or Russians Until Spring.

SITUATION AT PORT ARTHUR.

Garrison Confident That Relief Will Arrive Before March—Russian General Killed—Battleship Sevastopol. Movements of Warships.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HUAN SHAN, December 28.—Everything continues quiet along the front of the hostile armies. There is little expectation of a decisive movement till Spring, when it will be possible for both sides to throw in strong reinforcements and recommence the campaign in earnest. In the meantime, the chief Japanese uneasiness seems to be with regard to their communications eastward. They have an unusually full equipment of narrow gauge field railways, one of which connects General Kuroki's base at Shahedzi with Feng Wang Cheng, with a branch to Saimeizes. A supplementary line is being constructed, connecting Liao Yang with Hricheng. There is an important line of warehouses along the Yalu river, and many bridges have recently been constructed, with a care unusual in field operations. This elaborate system has been seriously threatened by General Rennenkampff's raids southeastward.

There are many evidences that the Japanese are strengthening and fortifying their line of communication toward Korea, which necessarily will absorb a considerable force.

Port Arthur Advices.

TOKIO, Dec. 28, 10:30 A. M.—Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that General Kondrachenko has been killed and that General Stoessel has been injured by falling from his horse. General Smilnoff is also reported wounded.

The advices further say that the battleship Sevastopol has sunk in shallow water. Her bow is damaged in two places and the steering gear is also damaged.

The garrison is reported to be confident in the belief that relief will arrive before March 1. Despite its heavy losses November 26 and subsequently, the garrison is said to be cheerful and resolved to continue the struggle as long as a single soldier remains. The army claims to have sufficient provisions to last until February. The navy possesses about one month's stores. The price of food in the beleagured fortress is high. Beef is a rouble and one-half per pound; horse meat six copeks per pound; dog meat 25 copeks per pound; turkeys 150 roubles apiece; eggs 160 roubles per 100. But few junks bearing supplies reached the garrison during the past month.

It is expected that the capture of the heights of Pigeon Bay will further curtail the landing of supplies.

Japanese Operations.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—It is understood that the Japanese dynamiting and paralleling against the eastern section of the main circle of forts around Port Arthur is progressing favorably. The right wing of the besiegers continues a heavy and effective shelling of the new town preparatory to operations which are nearing completion. It is probable that the next attack will be simultaneously directed against the east and west faces of the fortress in an endeavor to divide and weaken the resistance of the defenders.

Harbors Mined.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The State Department has been officially informed that mines have been placed in Kelung harbor, northeast coast of Formosa, and that shipping has been notified.

HONG KONG, Dec. 28.—A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Amoy yesterday. Two Japanese cruisers were sighted off Hong Kong to-day.

THE SLUMP IN COTTON.

Crop of Nearly 13,000,000 Bales Forecasted—Lowest Price in Years.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The cotton market broke thirty to thirty-five points on the Census Bureau's ginners' report, indicating a crop in excess of the government's estimate. There was very heavy trading on the decline. The bears contended that the ginners' report probably forecasted a crop of nearly 13,000,000 bales.

Following, the prices, which had shown weakness since the opening, broke sharply, with January selling around 6.66, March 6.81 and May 6.96, or a net decline of twenty-two and twenty-five points and a break of practically six dollars a bale in two weeks time. The market was very active during the afternoon, with big short interests covering, while there was also heavy liquidation, and on every little bulge the bears seemed disposed to withdraw their buying orders and sell more cotton.

The low figures reached in the slump are the lowest that cotton has reached in nearly three years.

GEORGIA FARMERS.

Propose to Burn Their Share of Two Million Bales of Surplus Cotton.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec. 28.—A special to the Telegraph from Fort Gaines, Ga., says:

"The farmers and merchants of Clay county met to-day at Fort Gaines and decided to burn their share of two million bales of surplus cotton. A tarter was made to-day when a bonfire was made of cotton on the streets of Fort Gaines. It is not yet determined where it will stop. They have decided to set the pace and are moving determinedly. The large crowd paraded with wild whoops and yells and much spectacular ceremony. The object is to show that the farmers are ready to sacrifice a few bales for the benefit of the masses. The fire is still burning and excitement is increasing."

A FATAL QUARREL.

George McAllister Killed by Arthur Lester at Arlington, S. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 28.—Arthur Leister shot and killed George McAllister in the card room of the Appalache mill, at Arlington, to-day. Leister was card room boss and had discharged one of McAllister's family and this occasioned a quarrel between the two which resulted in Leister shooting McAllister three times, the latter dying almost instantly.

Leister came to Spartanburg and gave himself up to the sheriff. He was lodged in the county jail.

ORGANIZATION OF INLAND WATERWAY ASSOCIATION.

J. H. Chadbourn, of Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Elected President—Address by Congressman Small.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 28.—A movement was inaugurated in this city today which is conceded to be of great interest and importance to the entire country.

Permanent organization of the Inland Waterways Association was perfected and officers elected. J. H. Chadbourn, of the Wilmington, N. C., chamber of commerce, was elected president, and E. B. Clark, of the Columbia chamber of commerce, secretary. Vice-presidents were elected from each State represented and the president was authorized to appoint a permanent executive committee. Arrangements were made for holding annual meetings of the association at such time and place as may be fixed by the executive committee.

Delegates were present representing commercial organizations from five States on the Atlantic seaboard, from as far north as Baltimore, and also congressional representatives from several States.

Congressman J. H. Small, of the First North Carolina district, who is the father of the movement, was a leading spirit in the convention and addressed the body, outlining the project of inland waterways. He said among other things that transportation was the essential factor in the development of commerce, and whatever contributed to the cheapening of traffic rates was to be commended and was worthy of the support of the people and of Congress.

He pointed out that coastwise navigation between the South Atlantic and North Atlantic ports was seriously restricted by the dangers of Cape Hatteras and Diamond Shoals on the North Carolina coast, which prohibited navigation by small steamers and particularly by barges.

"It must be recognized," said he, "that the government will not undertake at the same time the construction of all these waterways in the tidewater States, but that the most important one should be selected. If the projected inland waterway connecting Chesapeake bay with Beaufort inlet, North Carolina, should be constructed, both Cape Hatteras and Cape Lookout would be avoided and thus make possible the introduction of small vessels and barges in the coastwise trade between the North and the South."

The association, after full discussion adopted the project for a projected waterway from Chespeake bay to Beaufort inlet as the most important and the one which would be first pressed upon the attention of Congress and the country.

The convention adjourned subject to the call of the executive committee.

The visiting delegates were entertained during the evening by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce at their annual banquet.

BAIL FOR NAN PATTERSON.

Prominent Men of Wheeling, W. Va., Offer to Give Bond in Any Amount, Up to $50,000 if Necessary.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Nan Patterson, the former show girl who is in the Tombs prison, charged with the murder of Cæsar Young, was in better spirits to-day than at any time since the second jury heard the testimony in her case reported that they were unable to agree upon a verdict.

She believes, she said, that the freedom for which she has longed for more than six months was about to be granted. Telegrams had come to her from Wheeling, W. Va., announcing that four prominent men were prepared to furnish bail for her in any amount up to $50,000.

"I have received telegrams from men offering to go on my bond," she said to-day, "but I do not feel at liberty to give out the names of my new founds friends until I have consulted with my attorneys."

If the offers from Wheeling have been made in good faith it is probable that the court will be asked in a few days to fix the amount of a bond.

Later one of Miss Patterson's counsel gave out what he said was the telegram sent her from Fairmont, W. Va., dated Dec. 23d, offering to give bail for her release. The copy was as follows:

"Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 23, 1904. Nan Patterson, care Tombs Prison, New York City: We will furnish bail to the extent of $50,000 if necessary. (Signed) T. A. Deveney, H. J. Price, Edward Slack, C. W. Swisher, secretary of state-elect."

Miss Patterson's counsel conferred with Assistant District Attorney Rand to-day. Afterwards it was learned that both sides desired delay and it seems probable that Miss Patterson will not be put on trial again for several months.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Dec. 28.—T. A. Deveny, one of the wealthiest men in this city, confirmed the report today that he, H. J. Price and Edward Slack also local business men, would furnish Nan Patterson's bond to the extent of fifty thousand dollars if necessary, not in order to receive notoriety but because they believe her innocent of the crime with which she is charged. A telegram sent Nan Patterson at the Tombs, New York city, bore the names of the above, also that of C. W. Swisher, secretary of State elect. Swisher positively claims he never signed the telegram or even authorized his name in any way to be used in this connection.

WARM WIRELETS

J. B. Harrison, a prominent cotton buyer of Barnesville, Ga., shot and killed himself yesterday. Heavy losses on cotton contracts led to the act.

The body of Captain Howard W. French, constructing quartermaster at the new army post, Chattanooga, was found yesterday with a bullet hole through the heart. He is supposed to have committed suicide.

J. W. Griffin, one of the wealthiest oil operators in Lima, Ohio, was accidentally electrocuted in his bath room yesterday by standing on a register and touching an electric light chandelier with his hands.

The dead body of Roy Glenn, 25 years old, a shipyard laborer, was found on the beach at Newport News. It is supposed he fell overboard and was drowned. Glenn came there last September from Raleigh, N. C.

William Cantrell and Joe Chastine were killed and a brother of Chastine seriously injured near Burnt Mountain, Ga., by a falling tree. The tree was blown by a high wind across a small frame house in which the men were sitting at the time.

E. T. Morris, a well known cattle man of Gainesville, Cook county, Texas, has filed a voluntary application in bankruptcy. His liabilities are stated to be $154,683 and his assets $5,615, all of which he claimed exempt.

UNKNOWN STEAMER ASHORE HATTERAS.

Grounded on the Inner Diamond Shoals in a Fierce Gale With Seas Washing Over Her.

LIFE-SAVERS ARE HELPLESS.

Little Hope That Loss of Life Can be Averted—Desperate Effort Will be Made to Take Off the People on the Stranded Vessel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 28.—Battered by heavy seas that have been lashed to fury by a forty-mile gale, an unknown steamer lies helpless on the inner Diamond Shoals, eight miles off Cape Hatteras to-night, and faint lights seen now and then carry a message to the life-saving corps on shore that there are human lives aboard the wrecked craft that cannot be saved until wind and sea are calmed off sufficiently to allow the surf boats to be launched.

The observer of the United States Weather Bureau at Hatteras first saw the steamer when the fog lifted shortly before noon to-day. At that time she appeared to be in distress, and later it was seen that she had grounded on the inner shoal, known to mariners as "Hell's Hole" in the graveyard of shipping. The heavy seas careened the vessel on her beams and at 3 o'clock this afternoon she was lying on her port side with seas washing all over her.

The smoke that her funnel emitted early in the day was no longer discernible and it was then supposed that her fires had been extinguished by water filling the hull.

The steamer has three masts and one funnel. Her engines and boilers are aft, and the funnel is between the mainmast and mizzenmast. From her description it is thought she may be one of the fruit liners that ply between West Indian ports and Baltimore or New York.

At 8 o'clock to-night the observer at Hatteras reported that the life-saving crews of several stations along the Carolina coast in the vicinity of Hatteras were ready on the beach to launch their surf boats when the wind and tide had abated sufficiently to allow them to. At that time the wind had dropped from forty to thirty-six miles an hour, but the mercury was falling as steadily as the gale and the approach of freezing weather bodes ill for the crew imprisoned upon the stranded steamship.

The reports state that at sunset the vessel had apparently righted herself somewhat and that if the wind and sea did not increase there was a good chance of her remaining intact until morning. If this is the case the prospects are bright for the life-savers being able to reach her.

From the size of the steamer it is estimated she carries a complement of twenty five men, but it has been impossible to secure a view that would allow any surmise as to her character to be made. There may be passengers aboard.

Word from the scene expresses little hope that loss of life can be averted. For several hours to day, while on her port-beam, the steamer was at times completely covered by the breakers that piled upon her decks and sides with terrific force.

It was with surprise that the life-savers saw lights upon the craft to-night. These appear to those on shore to be torch-lights and not signals of any regular character.

A desperate effort will be made by the combined crews of several life-saving stations to take off the people on the vessel at the first opportunity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The description of the vessel fits oil tank and lumber carrying steamers trading into this port from Texas and the South Atlantic States. Several of these vessels bound north were probably in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras yesterday and to-day.

MRS. C. L. CHADWICK.

Syndicate Formed to Furnish Bail Up to the Sum of $40,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 28.—A syndicate, for which attorney P. D. Quigley, of this city is spokesman, is said to be ready and willing to furnish bail up to the sum of $40,000, to procure the release of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, held in jail here awaiting trial on the charge of forgery. Attorney Quigley would not give the names of the prospective bondsmen of Mrs. Chadwick, but says that they are well able to furnish any reasonable sum of money required, if Mrs. Chadwick is permitted to go out on bail.

The Federal officials are said to be not in favor of giving Mrs. Chadwick her freedom and will, it is understood, discourage such a proceeding without, however, infringing on the prisoner's constitutional rights.

TWO MEN TAKE POISON.

One Man Died and the Other in Prison for Attempting Suicide.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Benjamin J. Riley, of Brookline, Mass., tonight declared that he and Orestes A. Weed, of Boston, came to this city with the intention of committing suicide together. The two men were taken from the Grand Union Hotel here early to-day, suffering from morphine poisoning, and Weed died at the hospital after the physcians had tried for hours to save him. Riley was revived this afternoon and was transferred to the prison ward of Bellevue hospital where he is held on a charge of attempted suicide. It is doubtful that he will recover.

FOR INSULTING WOMEN.

White Man Whipped Near Natchez, Miss., and Ordered to Leave State.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NATCHEZ, MISS., Dec. 28.—A. D. Lewis, a white man, 33 years of age, whose home is in Chicago, was whipped in the woods near Natchez to-day and ordered out of the State.

Lewis was being taken to the county convict farm to serve a sentence for insulting women on the streets. While under arrest a crowd of six white men took him from the guard, carried him to the woods three miles from town, stripped him and gave him sixty lashes across the back, then placed him on a train and orderd him to leave the State.

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"MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE" TO-NIGHT.

Something New in Theatrical Offerings. Popular Prices Again Next Week.

Coming as an innovation in the very midst of various forms of theatrical offerings, "Monsieur Beaucaire" is sure to command respectful attention at the Academy to-night. In general character, it may be properly termed a comedy romance, and yet Booth Tarkington's clever story, of which Beaucaire is an exceptionally honest dramatization, is entirely unlike any other romance, as its tone is less violent and the humor by far more spontaneous. No wonder Richard Mansfield succeeded so admirably with it and still more reasonable that Creston Clarke, an actor of honorable repute and with artistic instincts, should have chosen "Monsieur Beaucaire" for his present starring venture.

In this era of diversified stage amusements, with a preponderance of the lighter order of entertainment, the advent of "Monsieur Beaucaire" comes like an oasis in the desert; for it means a more intellectual treat in the form of romantic comedy; and while the adaption from Booth Tarkington's especially inviting book has given a most vigorous play of dramatic import, the whole scheme of the beautiful story is permeated with unctious, refined humor, and so unique in constructive purpose, that Richard Mansfield's successful issue of its use was not at all unlooked for.

Peruchi-Cyrzene Company—The Peruchi Cyrzene Company supporting the favorite comedian Chelso D. Peruchi in a repertorie of popular prices will open a week's engagement at the Academy of Music, Monday, Jan. 2. All the plays will be presented with special scenery and startling effects. They will come with a matinee presenting the sensational drama, "A Blue Ridge Girl," a play that will show the full strength of the company and is especially adapted to Mr. Peruchi's personality. Winsome Mabel Cyrzene is supporting Mr. Peruchi this season. She is not only a good actress but one of the best vaudeville turns a company has ever put on at popular prices. She has presented her singing and dancing act at the best vaudeville houses throughout the East, and will be seen at every performance during the engagement. The society drama, "A Midnight Marriage," will be the night bill on Monday.

MISS KATHLEEN ELMORE A BRIDE.

Popular Young Teacher in Public Schools Claimed by Mr. J. H. Johnston.

Last evening at 7:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Baptist church, Pastor Fred D. Hale in the presence of a few friends and relatives joined in marriage Miss Kathleen Elmore, a successful teacher in the county public schools, and Mr. James Herbert Johnson, a prosperous young truck grower and merchant who lives four miles north of Wilmington on the Castle Haynes road. The wedding was very quiet, conforming to the wishes of the bride and groom. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Johnson drove to their home, "Cedarbrook Farm", near Acorn Branch. Their numerous friends wish them much happiness and prosperity. The bride is a sister of Capt. James Elmore, of the Atlantic Coast Line, Mrs. Thad Jones, of Kenansville, and Messrs. Samuel Elmore, of Mt. Olive and Robert Elmore of North Wilkesboro.

LYRIC STOCK COMPANY.

Two Other Performances Pleased Large Audiences Yesterday—Matinee.

The Lyric Stock Company gave two more performances at the Academy yesterday and each was greeted by a large audience. General satisfaction again resulted and those in attendance left the theatre singing the praise of the company. To-night the company will not appear, as Creston Clarke will hold the boards at the Academy, but will return Friday evening, and upon that occasion will present the great English comedy, "David Garrick." A splendid production of this popular play will be made. A new line of specialties will be introduced.

Saturday afternoon the company is to make the merriest matinee offering of the season in "The Troubles of the Kanzanjammer Kids." This will be a swell treat for the children, who will no doubt crowd the Academy to the doors. The prices for this performance will be 10 and 20 cents. Tickets will be on sale at Plummer's Saturday morning.

HIGH LICENSE PROPOSITION.

Board of Aldermen Will Tackle Important Problem at Meeting This Evening.

The special meeting of the Board of Aldermen to pass upon the proposition to increase the liquor license of the city from $264 to $1,000 per annum will be held to-night and a strong fight between advocates and opponents of the measure will most certainly develop. There is a very grave doubt about the success of the movement for higher license as at first contemplated and there was much serious talk among the Aldermen yesterday of a compromise by which the increase would be from $264 to $600 per year. Even that increase is said to be in doubt according to members of the council, who were interviewed by a reporter yesterday. The opponents of the increase will likely be represented by a strong array of counsel at the meeting to-night.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

North State Lodge No. 2135, Knights and Ladies of Honor, at its regular meeting last night elected following officers for the ensuing term: Past Protector, J. S. Canady; Protector W. K. Walker; V. P., J. A. Munn; Secretary, John E. Wood; Treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Fick; Chaplain, H. C. Twining; Conductor, P. N. Fick; Guide, Mrs. Katherine Freimuth; I. G., W. W. Thigpen; Sentinel, Mrs. M. E. Keathley; Trustees, J. D. Webster, W. W. Thigpen, P. N. Fick. The Lodge is in fine condition and is proving a good fraternal insurance order.

— Mr. and Mrs. G. Fred Fletcher, who are pleasantly remembered as former residents here, are spending a few days in the city on their way to Mobile, Ala. Mr. Fletcher was formerly with the S. A. L. in this city, but is now traveling for the Bank of Pittsburg.

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Reunion of Strange Family.

Fayetteville Observer: On Christmas day, twenty-one persons were entertained at dinner at the hospitable home of Mrs. James Strange, on Rowan street. Mrs. Strange is the widow of Captain Strange, of the Confederate army, son of the late Judge Robert Strange. Since the death, two or three years ago, of Mr. French Strange, of Atlanta, this venerable lady (born Hyman) has been the only survivor of that generation of the Stranges. Those present on Christmas were her children, or their husbands or wives, and their children. They were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mallett, of Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. J. D McNeill; Mrs. H. N. Parsley and her son Oscar Parsley; Misses Bessie, Mary and Minerva McNeill; Messrs. James, George and Robert McNeill; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Strange and their son, Samuel Strange, Jr.; Mr. John Strange, of Florida; Miss Fanny Strange; Miss Maggie Strange, and Mr. James Strange and Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Strange.

British schooner King of Avon, Capt. Morris, bound from Nova Scotia for Alexandria, Va., with a cargo of rock plaster, put in at Brunswick, Ga., in distress. She encountered a severe gale on December 20th.

A three days' meeting of the National Association of Colored Agricultural and Mechanical Schools and Colleges began yesterday in Memphis. About 150 leading negro educators of the South are in attendance.

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over at the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

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